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FROM USREP ICAO

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, CA

SUBJ: SECOND SUMMARY REPORT OF ICAO EIGHTH AIR NAVIGATION  
CONFERENCE

1. ON THE TWELFTH WORKINGNDAY (APRIL 30) THE CONFERENCE CONTINUES  
NEARLY ON SCHEDULE AND HAS COMPLETED ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS 1,  
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF RUNWAYS, CLEARWAYS AND STRIPS; 6,  
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON METHOD OF FOG DISPERSAL; AND 7, VISUAL  
AIDS. OF THE MEETING'S 23 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THESE AGENDA ITEMS,  
12 CALL FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY. IT APPEARS THEREFORE THAT MANY  
OF THE ASPECTS OF THE ITEMS LACKED MATURITY AND FINAL ACTION  
AT THIS TIME IS NOT POSSIBLE.

2. NO HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL PROBLEMS THUS FAR. FRANCE SUCCESSFULLY  
OBJECTED TO THE MEETING'S USE OF THE WORD "AIRPORT" FOR  
"AERODROME" DUE TO THE LACK OF AN ICAO DEFINITION FOR "AIRPORT"  
SO WE ARE NOW HAVING TO CHANGE THE PAPERS ACCORDINGLY. THERE  
WAS A LONG DEBATE ON WHETHER WE SHOULD USE CENTIGRADE OF CELSIUS  
FOR TEMPARATURE REFERENCE AND THIS WAS SETTLED BY THE USE OF  
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3. THE U.K. MADE A SECOND EFFORT TO EXTEND THE LENGTH OF THE APPROACH LIGHT SYSTEM REQUIRED FOR CATEGORY II LANDING FROM 1500 FEET TO 2000 FEET AND FOR CATEGORY III LANDINGS FROM 1000 TO 1500 FEET BASED ON SOME OF THEIR RECENT TESTS. THIS WAS SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL EUROPEAN STATES, U.S.S. R., CANADA, AND U.S. BUT DEFEATED BY HEAVY OPPOSITION FROM DEVELOPING STATES 36 TO 7. ON THE FACE OF IT, INCREASINGLY FAMILIAR BLOC VOTING WAS IN EVIDENCE BUT REASONS FOR ALIGNMENT APPEARED BASED NOT SO MUCH ON IDEOLOGICAL, POLITICAL OR SOCIAL GROUNDS BUT DEGREES OF DIRECT EXPERIENCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE TECHNICAL ISSUE. THERE IS ALSO IN EVIDENCE AN INCREASING RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF DEVELOPING STATES TO SUPPORT COSTLY REFINEMENTS IN OPERATING STANDARDS WHETHER OR NOT THOSE REFINEMENTS ARE RELEVANT TO CONDITIONS AT HOME AT THIS TIME. THIS CONTRASTS FROM THE PROBLEM IN THE PAST WHEN DELEGATES FROM DEVELOPING STATES OFTEN CHAMPIONED THE MOST ADVANCED, DEMANDING AND EXPENSIVE REFINEMENTS OF STANDARDS WHETHER OR NOT THEIR COUNTRIES WOULD ACTUALLY BE INVOLVED IN SUCH DIFFICULT OPERATING CONDITIONS.

4. THERE IS THE GENERAL FEELING AMONG MANY OF THE DELEGATIONS THAT THE CUMBERSOME EFFORTS OF THIS VERY LARGE CONFERENCE WILL RESULT IN ONLY FEW AND MINOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

5. THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS REGISTERED IS NOW 421. THE ICAO HEADQUARTERS FACILITIES ARE BEING STRAINED TO COPE WITH THE MEETING'S NEEDS.

6. THE U.S. RECEPTION WAS A SUCCESS AND THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE HIGHLY COMPLEMENTARY.  
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